



NOTICE

The City of Wichita Fifth Program Year Annual Action Plan has been revised. Specifically page 17 has been amended to increase the amount of funds available for the 2013 summer youth employment program.

In order to provide the public with sufficient time to review the plan with this revision, public comments will be accepted on the entire plan until 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2013.

Public comments may also be made at the City Council meeting on May 14, 2013.

Page 21 has been revised to reflect the new due date for public comments and the new City Council meeting date.

The revised pages are attached to this notice.

Hospital, Topeka Independent Living Center, Havilland Nursing Facility for Mental Health, Wichita State University, Value Options, consumers of mental health services and their family members

Corrections Discharge Protocol

The Kansas Department of Corrections has a formal policy regarding release and discharge planning, with planning for all offenders beginning at 16 months pre-release, or upon admission if their length of incarceration is less than 16 months. Offenders are assessed for risk and need, and plans are developed for their return to the community. Specialized reentry and discharge planning staff are in all facilities working with offenders. Housing specialists in Topeka, Kansas City and Wichita support release and discharge planners in their effort to find suitable housing for offenders. There are still many barriers, but the issue is receiving a lot of attention by case managers and specialists in the corrections system.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City of Wichita's non-housing priority community development needs have been identified in various neighborhood plans. Specifically they include public facilities such as improved sidewalks, street improvements and street layout. These are most frequently mentioned in each of the five plans for the target areas and are therefore rated at the highest priority level. In addition the neighborhood plans include the need for new or improved neighborhood parks, open spaces and pedestrian walkways.

The plans also stress the need for community gathering places so that residents can be informed and have a voice in their future. The Neighborhood City Halls currently provide that outlet and the Community Development Block Grant-funded positions at those facilities promote the use of the Neighborhood City Halls for the benefit of the surrounding neighborhoods. In the Fifth Program Year Action Plan, the Neighborhood Assistants and costs related to Neighborhood City Hall services will be funded in the amount of \$393,431 to continue to provide this service.

Public Services initiatives address priority needs mentioned in neighborhood plans as well as in responses to priority needs surveys which the City conducts in preparation of five year and annual plans. Youth crime prevention and enrichment programs will be funded in the Fifth Program Year Action Plan in the amount of \$125,000. CDBG funds totaling \$171,650 will be allocated for summer employment programs for youth between the ages of 14 and 17. Programming will include The Way To Work summer youth employment program which was piloted during the 2012-13 program year for 14-15 year olds whose families receive rental assistance/housing through Wichita Housing Authority programs. In addition \$75,000 of this allocation will be available for community based programs selected through a RFP process, to provide summer employment for 100% income-eligible youth.

Specific Objectives

Following is a summary of specific objectives listed in the 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan, Housing and Community Development Activities chart. These activities continue to guide funding decisions.

Public Facilities and Improvements

03: develop or improve 4 parks and/or neighborhood centers

03A: develop one senior center following consultant needs assessment (Long Term)

03C: develop resource and referral center for the homeless

03E: develop or expand neighborhood meeting space in at least one target area (Long Term)

03F: develop new parks in target areas (Long Term)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City of Wichita Fifth Program Year Action Plan will be available for public review and comment from March 20, 2018 until May 10, 2013. Pages 17 and 21 have been amended to reflect an increase in funding for the summer youth employment program and a revised due date for public comments. The plan is available online and at the following locations:

City Hall
455 N. Main Street
Wichita, Kansas

- City Council Office, 1st Floor
- Metropolitan Area Planning Department, 10th Floor
- City Manager's Office, 13th Floor

Housing and Community Services Department
332 N. Riverview
Wichita, Kansas

Wichita Public Library, Central and all branches
223 S. Main Street
Wichita, Kansas

- Alford
- Angelou Northeast
- Comotara
- Evergreen
- Linwood Park
- Orchard Park
- Rockwell
- Westlink

Neighborhood City Halls

- Atwater, 2755 E. 19th Street North
- Stanley, 1749 S. Martinson
- Evergreen, 2700 N. Woodland
- Colvin, 2820 S. Roosevelt

PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BY May 10, 2013, TO:

City of Wichita
Housing and Community Services Department
332 N. Riverview
Wichita, Kansas 67203
(316) 462-3725
Electronic mail: llank@wichita.gov

Oral comments may be made at the public hearing to be held May 14, 2013, during the City Council meeting on the first floor of City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or services for effective communication with the City of Wichita personnel may contact the ADA coordinator in the office of the City Manager no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.